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Left photo, Mayor Mufi Hannemann meets with Tokyo Governor Shintaro Ishihara as interpreter Midori Wong listens. Right photo: Tama Monorail, one of the three rail transit systems visited by the Honolulu delegation, pulls into a station.

MAYOR LEADS SUCCESSFUL MISSION TO JAPAN

Mayor Mufi Hannemann spent a whirlwind week in Japan in early October, meeting with government and travel industry leaders and inspecting three rail transit systems.

“Japan has traditionally been our most important foreign trading partner and holds promise for so much more, economically and technologically,” the mayor said.

Three members of the Honolulu City Council – Todd Apo, Rod Tam and Chairman Donovan Dela Cruz – joined the mission, which involved an unprecedented collaborative effort with major participation from the Oahu Visitors Bureau, Hawaii Tourism Authority, Hawaii Convention Center Authority, Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau and the Hawaii Film Industry Association. Hannemann met with top officials of Japanese travel organizations and companies such as Japan Air Lines and JTB.



Mayor Mufi Hannemann and the group Leahi spread some musical aloha at an Oahu Visitors Bureau reception.

He also visited U.S. Ambassador Thomas Schieffer and Tokyo Governor Shintaro Ishihara, whose eyes lit up when they talked about Hawaiian music and culture.

The mayor also inspected three rail transit systems to see what might be considered for Honolulu: Sumitomo’s “new transit” Yurikamome in the eastern Tokyo shorefront, Mitsui-Hitachi’s Tama Monorail in Tokyo’s western suburbs and Itochu’s Linimo high-speed surface transport system in Nagoya.

In addition, he got together with former Island residents to establish Friends of Honolulu, a group that will help the City in future dealings with Japan.

HONOLULU CHOSEN TO TEST INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Mayor Mufi Hannemann went to New York for the announcement of the latest advance in emergency communications.

Cisco Systems, Inc., asked the City to participate in a demonstration of an IP (Internet Protocol) interoperability system that will allow communication between and among systems that usually are unable to talk to one another.

“Since 9/11 and, more recently, Hurricane Katrina, we have seen just how essential reliable emergency communication needs to be for municipal governments,” Hannemann said.

“An effective interoperability system would allow our Honolulu Fire Department, Police Department, Emergency Services paramedics, Oahu Civil Defense officials and the Mayor’s Office to communicate with each other via computer.”

Honolulu is one of only five cities worldwide chosen to test the Cisco system. The others are Amsterdam, Singapore, New York, and Los Angeles.



Mayor Hannemann and City Information Technology Director Gordon Bruce address reporters at New York news conference on communications interoperability project.



Mayor Hannemann and Hoku Scientific CEO Dustin Shindo, second from left, joined other company VIPs at the opening.

FUEL CELL RESEARCH FIRM MOVES INTO KAPOLEI BUSINESS PARK

Mayor Mufi Hannemann attended the grand opening and blessing of the new headquarters of Hoku Scientific in Kapolei.

The company, which develops and manufactures fuel cell membranes, has about 25 employees. They will be housed in the new \$6 million, 14,000-square-foot facility on Opakapaka Street in the Kapolei Business Park.

Hoku Scientific CEO and co-founder Dustin Shindo thanked the mayor for his support over the company’s four years and for the City’s support in helping the company relocate from smaller facilities in Kalihi.

Hoku Scientific already has contracts with the U.S. Navy, Sanyo Electric Co. and Nissan Motor Co.

CITY EMPLOYEES SURPASS GOAL FOR DONATIONS TO ALOHA UNITED WAY

City and County employees donated \$431,020 to Aloha United Way, 110 percent of their collective goal. That was 15 percent more than last year’s total and the highest in seven years.

Leading the way were the mayor and managing director’s office, which donated \$17,200, more than five times their collective goal for the annual charity fund-raising campaign.



CITY SPELLS OUT MANOA STREAM FIXES

On the anniversary of the devastating Manoa flood, Mayor Hannemann joined City Councilwoman Ann Kobayashi, state and federal officials to discuss what's being done to complete the recovery and prevent a recurrence. The City has completed a \$2.1 million emergency repair of the stream bank near Koali Road and will be clearing the stream here, near the Woodlawn Bridge.

MAYOR ANNOUNCES CHANGE IN CURBSIDE RECYCLING PLANS

Mayor Mufi Hannemann announced the City is canceling its plans for a new curbside recycling service. Three bids were submitted in May, but one of the bidders protested the apparent low bid. In addition, questions have been raised whether the bidders had all the required state pollution control permits.

"We're canceling this because it's taking way too long," said Hannemann. "The legal challenges over the contract would have delayed implementation for many months. Meanwhile, much has changed since the prior administration committed the City to curbside recycling. The advent of the state beverage container deposit law over the past year and rising fuel prices present new challenges to curbside recycling.

"In order to achieve our goal of recycling more of Oahu's trash, we will beef up our assistance to the schools and encourage them to expand their

recycling programs, and we are going to work with the state to really strengthen those efforts."

In addition, the City is exploring the possibility of expanding its green-waste recycling. Currently the City provides free curbside pickup of green waste twice a month only in residential areas.

DISCOVER RECYCLING FAIR

The City will hold its Discover Recycling Fair, an unprecedented, comprehensive gathering of resources, information and demonstrations about recycling, November 4 to 6 at the Blaisdell Arena.

Admission to the event is free. There will be entertainment and prizes, including a trip for four to Disneyland.

The fair is open to the public from 1 to 5 p.m. November 4; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. November 5 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on November 6.



PALOLO HOME GETS CHECK FOR \$1.75 MILLION FROM CITY

Mayor Mufi Hannemann presented a check for \$1.75 million in community development block grant funds to, from left, the Palolo Chinese Home's Ted Jung, Wes Fong and Leigh-Wai Doo.

The home will use the grant to construct a new food service complex to provide meals for residents and home delivery. The grant brings to \$4.68 million the City's CDBG commitment to Palolo Chinese Home.



MAKIKI STREAM GETS A CLEANUP FOR MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY

Mayor Mufi Hannemann joined students from Washington Middle School in cleaning up Makiki Stream on national Make A Difference Day.

City Councilwoman Ann Kobayashi, the City Department of Environmental Services, Ala Wai Watershed Association, businesses and other groups participated in the Makiki Stream cleanup.

Many other schools across Oahu participated in similar projects for Make a Difference Day.

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER

- November 4, 5, 6 – Discover Recycling Fair, Blaisdell Center Arena. See story on Page 3.
- November 6 – 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Hawaii International Jazz Festival at Kapolei. First-time event features food vendors, kids' games and some of the best jazz groups in Hawaii.
- November 12, 13 – 5 p.m., Sunset on the Beach, Queen's Beach in Waikiki. Saturday's Veteran's Day movie: "Only the Brave"; Sunday: "Step Into Liquid."
- November 26, 27 – 5 p.m., Sunset on the Beach, Queen's Beach in Waikiki. Saturday's movie: "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"; Sunday: "Elf."
- November 17 – 5 p.m. Honolulu Centennial Gala honoring 100 people for their contributions to Honolulu over the past century, at the Sheraton Waikiki. For details, call 275-3030 or see www.honolulupride.com
- November 19 – 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Mayor's 31st Annual Cultural Festival and Craft Fair, Blaisdell Center.
- November 24 – Salvation Army Annual Thanksgiving Dinner, Blaisdell Center.
- November 25 – 6:30 p.m., 59th annual Kalihi Christmas Parade, Kalihi Union Church to Kamehameha Shopping Center via King Street, Mokauea, Dillingham Boulevard, Waiakamilo Road and School Street.

PROGRESS REPORT

- Mayor Hannemann signed three measures into law last month: a bill to rezone a portion of Central Union Church's property to ease the church's transfer of development rights, a bill to clean up how property tax refunds are made and a resolution for easements at the historic Anahulu Bridge in Haleiwa.
- Manoa Stream emergency repairs: Work completed on \$2.1 million reconstruction of 125 feet of Manoa Stream wall along Koali Road. Design of two smaller repair projects in Manoa Stream completed.
- War on Potholes: The Department of Facility Maintenance patched 2,280 potholes in September, bringing the year's total to 34,914. Work begins on rehabilitation of Harding and Leahi avenues in Kaimuki.

MAYOR ON AIR

Radio: Mayor Hannemann will be on the radio on:

- November 1 – 8:30 to 9 a.m., KZOO 1250 AM. Call 593-8670.
- November 5 – 9:45 to 10:15 a.m., "The Perry and Price Show," live from John Dominis restaurant, KSSK 590 AM.
- November 3, 10, 17, 24 – 7:20 a.m., "Mayor's Minute" with Brickwood Galuteria, KINE 105.1 FM.
- November 9 – 5 to 6 p.m., Mike Buck Show, KHVH 830 AM. Call 521-8383.
- November 15 – 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., "Radio Tiny" with Tiny Tadani, KHUI 99.5 FM. Call 591-9369.
- November 21 – 7:45 a.m., Frank and Mandy Show, KUMU 94.7 FM. Call 947-5868.

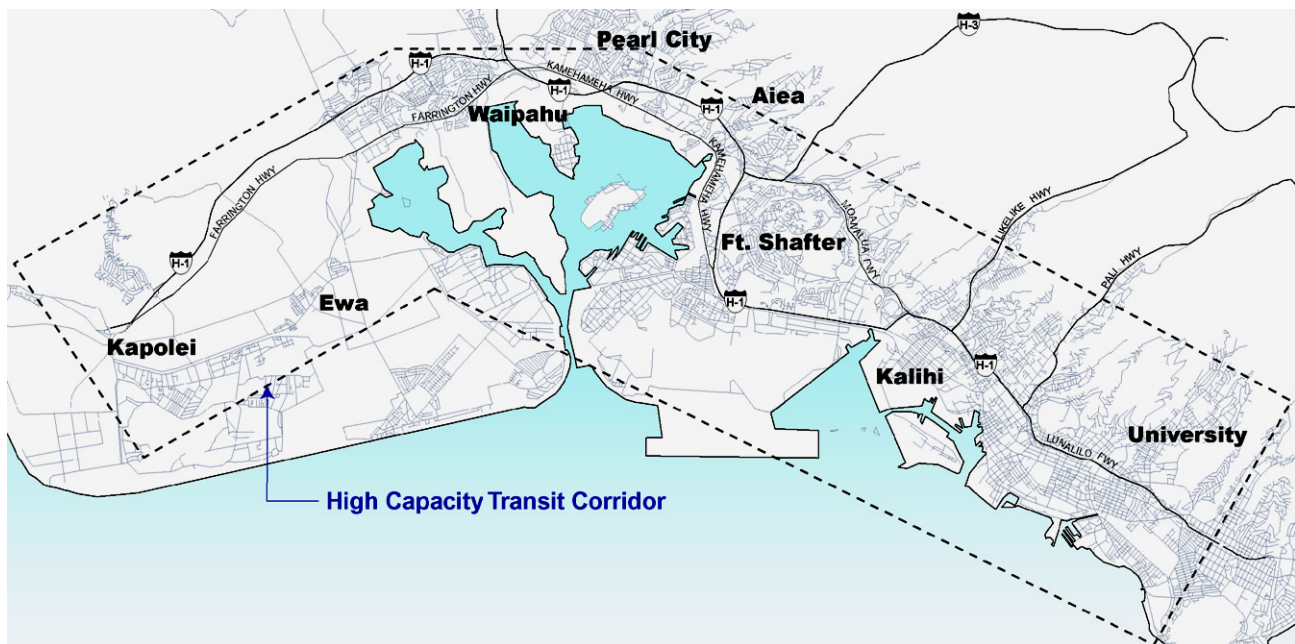
Cable television: Mayor Hannemann appears on Olelo, Oceanic Cablevision Channel 54 on:

- [Mayor Mufi Hannemann's Report](#), November 3, 10, 17, 24 from 7 to 7:30 p.m.
- [City News from the Hannemann Administration](#), November 3, 10, 17, 24 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.honolulu.gov/mayor/1105novnews.pdf>

High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project gets rolling

The City has been busy working on the transit project since the City Council approved Bill 40 and Mayor Mufi Hannemann signed it into law in August, ensuring a local source of funds for the project. The City's Department of Transportation Services is leading an effort to identify and evaluate alternatives to move people in the highly congested corridor between Kapolei and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. A wide range of options for improving travel throughout the corridor is being evaluated against many criteria, including shortening travel times, project costs, environmental impacts, ease of implementation, support of the City's long-range land use plans, and community benefits.



The City is evaluating options to move more people, more efficiently, more quickly, and more reliably in the corridor between Kapolei and the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Options being evaluated include:

- Enhancement of the existing bus system, roadway pricing, staggered work hours, telecommuting, changes in parking policies and other options to optimize the existing transportation system
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Rail transit technologies, including light and heavy rail
- Fixed guideway technologies such as monorail and magnetic levitation (MAGLEV)
- High-occupancy toll lanes (HOT lanes)
- A new roadway under or across Pearl Harbor



H-1 Freeway on a weekday morning: The High-Capacity Transit Corridor Project is exploring alternatives to commuting by car.

Mayor Hannemann invites all of the citizens of Honolulu to attend one of several meetings to be held in December to comment on the alternatives being analyzed and the analysis process. Meetings will be held:

- **December 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Blaisdell Center**
- **December 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Kapolei Middle School**

Those requiring special accommodation at the December meetings should call 566-2228. Those unable to attend the meetings will be able to provide input through the project website (www.honolulutransit.org) or by writing to the Department of Transportation Services.

Before these meetings, the City will announce through a newsletter, newspaper notices, the project information telephone line (566-2299), and the project website (www.honolulutransit.org) which alternatives are proposed for further study in the Alternatives Analysis and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS). The AA/DEIS is one in a series of studies that are required for the City to receive federal construction funds. The purpose of the AA/DEIS is to provide all of the information needed for the citizens of Honolulu, Mayor, and City Council to select a preferred alternative for the project.

The City will review all the input received and quickly move on to the detailed studies on the alternatives in the AA/DEIS. Over the next year, the City will work closely with state and federal agencies to identify the benefits and impacts of each alternative. Project information will be presented to and ideas will be accepted from the public on an ongoing basis. Mayor Hannemann is in the process of appointing a leadership committee that will provide an additional communication link between the community and the project team.

The City plans to issue the Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement towards the end of 2006. At that time, the public will be asked to officially comment on the various alternatives. The Mayor and City Council will consider all public comments on the AA/DEIS prior to selecting a locally preferred alternative for the project.